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Dear Dr. Boodhun:

Thank you for providing the reviewers’ comments on our revised manuscript titled Quality of Prenatal Care Questionnaire: psychometric testing in an Australia population and the opportunity to address the additional revisions required by Reviewer 1. We have provided our response to each comment in bold.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Include chi square and CFI (or TLI) as well.

Chi square and CFI were calculated and are reported on p. 11 (lines 225-226)

2. Although in CFA the items will have zero loadings on the factors they do not load onto, it is still important for the reader to be able to see the factor loadings in order to ascertain the strength of correspondence between items and the underlying factors. Therefore, I would still like to see factor loadings included in Table 3. Item-total correlations do not separate true score and measurement variance, and are thus inaccurate representations of the item-factor relationship. The factor loadings in contrast, are unconflated.

As noted on p. 10 (lines 185-187), we determined the standardized regression estimates (factor loadings) between each factor and the loaded items on that factor. The factor loadings are reported in Table 3.

I trust that these revisions satisfy the concerns of the reviewer.

Sincerely,

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